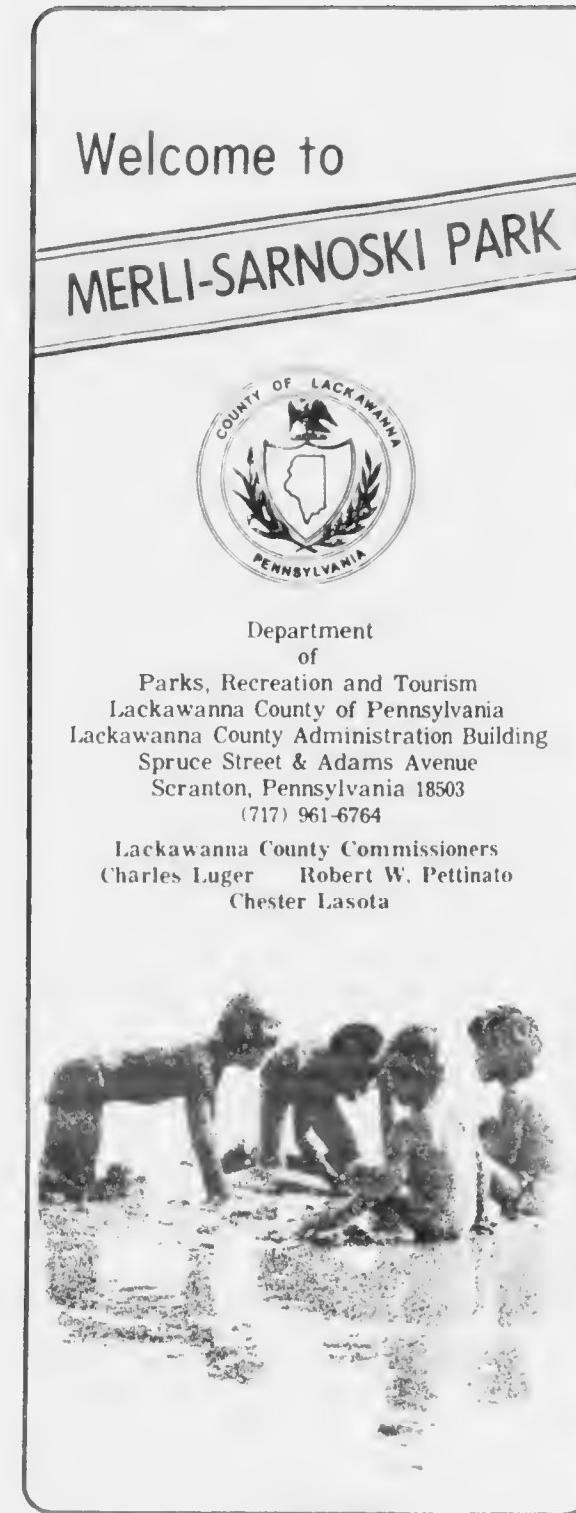


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Hello and welcome to Merli-Sarnoski Park. We hope you will enjoy your visit. We would like to bring you up to date on our facility.

Merli-Sarnoski Park is located in the Northern part of Lackawanna County, in Fell Township one half mile off PA Route 106 west of Carbondale at Finch Hill.

Merli-Sarnoski Park is open year round so you can enjoy the natural beauty and recreational activities of each season. Most of its 825 acres have been reserved as woodland. Our 30 acre natural lake, once known as "Mud Pond", is open to the public for swimming from mid-June to Labor Day under the supervision of certified lifeguard staff.

For your convenience, picnic tables, charcoal burners, and rest rooms are located throughout the park. Help us to keep the park a safe and pleasant place for everyone by observing rules prohibiting open fires, alcohol beverages and hunting within the park. You are welcome to fish during authorized seasons. According to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, our lake has been stocked with 12,000 trout and 1,500 blue gills and pickerel have been caught here each year.

In addition to its natural recreation areas Merli-Sarnoski has play lots for children, a regulation basketball court, softball field, and hiking trails. These trails are always being re-tracked for longer distance hiking.

Trams are run from the parking lots to the beach area from April to October, a distance of one-half mile. In 1982, our trams shuttled visitors covering a total of 5,200 miles, running 3,500 hours and consuming in excess of 1,000 gallons of propane gas.

Parking is available for 300 cars. No automobiles are permitted in the park except on the boat launch road and only to allow visitors to launch boats.

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Overnight camping is permitted by special arrangement for charitable organizations only; please contact the Park Director for information.

Again, welcome to Merli-Sarnoski Park and please help us to keep your park a safe and beautiful facility. Enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,
Lackawanna County Commissioners
Charles Luger
Robert W. Pettinato
Chester Lasota

